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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS, ELECTRONIC  
EQUIPMENT, AND IMAGE FORMING  
METHOD**

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Examiner: N. Q. Ha

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 26, 2008, Applicants concurrently submit a request for extension of time and the appropriate fee therefore, and the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.